



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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SIVARAMAKRISHNA KUDITIPUDI, ET AL.)
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Serial No. 09/499,819)
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Filed: February 8, 2000) SWITCH NAME, IP ADDRESS, AND
) HARDWARE SERIAL NUMBER AS
Art Unit: 2142) PART OF THE TOPOLOGY
) DATABASE
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2005, please enter the following remarks to the above-identified application as follows.